



# St. Monica's Primary School

## Newsletter 15th December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the final days of the Autumn term, and what a wonderful week it has been! As we come to the third Sunday of Advent this weekend - Gaudate Sunday - we focus on the joy of the season. And joy has been the theme for us in school this week. The children have excelled in their expressive and performing arts, with performances across a wide range of musical genres. We are so proud of every single pupil for their contributions to these performances - it takes a lot of courage to get up in front of an audience and perform, and it is character building. The joy that has been shared this week has been really special, and it is another example of the children showing their love of learning. We are so grateful to you, our families, for supporting the children in their creative endeavours - and coming out to performance after performance this week!

Special thanks to all of the staff at St Monica's who have made these experiences possible. I know how much it means to the children, and they are making memories that will last.

Thank you to those who attended the Nativity performance earlier in the week - your donations raised £205.08 for St Joseph's Family Centre.

Thank you also for the donations of food for the hampers - we will be taking them to St Joseph's on Monday, and I know they will be extremely grateful.

Next week we will close for Christmas at the end of Tuesday. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed, joyful and very Happy Christmas! Thank you all for your support this term; I look forward to seeing you in January for another packed term of exciting learning experiences and community events.

Mrs Jessica Pearson

Headteacher

### Plea for sponsorship

With the school budget being as tight as it is, I would like to reach out to our St Monica's community for sponsorship help with some projects in school.

Our first project we would really appreciate help with is to upgrade the facilities in the staffroom. Our kitchen area for staff is small, and our appliances are now coming to the end of their life. In particular our fridges (we have two small ones) and our dishwasher are not working to their optimum, and have parts broken due to age. Do you know a kitchen company who would take this on as a charitable project? Do you know someone who can sponsor us to raise money to replace the white goods? Any help you can provide in talking to contacts would be highly appreciated. The children and their resources always come first, which is how the staffroom has not had the share of the love it desperately needs.

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### School Uniform

With the school holidays being an ideal opportunity for you to purchase uniform for your children, we would like you to please look at our revised Uniform Policy as there are some minor amendments to aid clarity. This will be sent to you tonight via School Spider. Pre-loved uniform is always available to purchase from the school office too.

Also, a gentle reminder that children should not wear jewellery, nail varnish or have braids for school. Thank you.

### School Council

Starting in January 2024, our school would like to review the snacks brought from home so we can work towards the 'Gold Tasty Tuck' Award. The Tasty Tuck Award aims to encourage children to make healthier choices and promote healthy lifestyles within the school setting. Our School Council will be sending you more information about this in the New Year.

### Important Dates for Diaries

Monday 18th December	Donations to St Joseph's in the morning
Monday 18th December	KS1 Christmas Party after lunch in the Hall
Tuesday 19th December	KS2 Christmas Party after lunch in the Hall
Tuesday 19th December	School closes for Christmas at 15:30
Wednesday 3rd January	School reopens for Spring Term

### Advent Giving Tree - St Joseph's Family Centre, Warrington

Just as we did last year, during Advent we would like to reach out to our Warrington community and think of others who may not be in the financial position to have full tables at Christmas. We would invite you to join us in donating something from the provided list to go to St Joseph's Family Centre for their Christmas Hamper appeal. Please drop items into school and we will put them under our school tree until we take them over to the centre the week that we break up.

**Donations are being delivered to them on Monday 18th in the morning.**

**ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY CENTRE  
CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023**

As Christmas approaches, we are reminded of the importance of family and community.

This year, St Joseph's are asking for your support in raising money to provide families with vouchers to put food on the table, purchase gifts for their children and help create cherished memories. Everyone deserves to feel the warmth and kindness that Christmas can bring. Your help and support can make that a reality.

**Suggested Donations**

You can donate online <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/24366> or by scanning the QR code.

You can also donate food items to help fill our Christmas hampers.

Chocolate Treats	Gravy	Tea	Cereal
Cooking Sauces	Tinned Fish	Tinned Fruit	
Christmas Puddings	Mince Pies	Stuffing	
Biscuits	Tinned Potatoes	Crackers	Custard
Rice Pudding	Tinned Meat	Jam	

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

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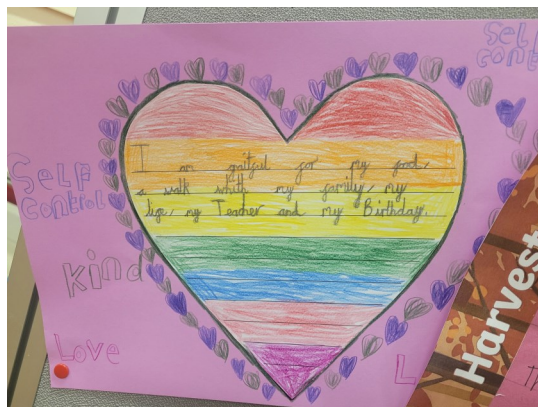


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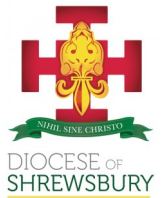
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